CHINESE ART IN STONE.

Its Best Examples and Some of Its Grentest Befects.

The spirit of purely Chinese art in ne is shown in work such as the great monolith figures of animals and varriors which flank the approach to the tombs of the Ming dynasty and in the perfectly plain structures designed for the tombs of the present dynasty.

These are composed of enormous blocks of stone brought with infinite labor from distant quarries over roads and bridges which are hardly capable of sustaining ordinary cart traffic and have always to be specially prepared to prevent the great weights causing their collapse.

The same admiration for the employment of hoge blocks of stone is seen in the case of the bridges over the rivers along the coast of South Fukien. where the stone slabs used in | e construction occasionally measure sixty feet in length and are estimated to weigh nearly 120 tons, and the bridges selves have a length of 1,000 to 2,000 yards.

In almost all cases where the building are not of solid construction the weight of the blocks employed has placed a strain upon the supports which the architect's skill was not competent to provide against, and with the lapse, of time the melancholy spectacle is seen of slabs fallen from their places and of noble and costly structures pproaching ruin. In some cases the aterdependence of the arches leads to be same result. One notable instance this occurred during Colonel Gorbon's campaign against the Taipings. mail steamers it was necessary to make a gap in a bridge of over twenty arches, and arch after arch collapsed sdiately after the passage of his all fotilla. - London Saturday Re-

AVERAGE HUMANITY.

Most People Are Not Very Good Nor Yet Very Bad.

What do we mean by a good man or a bad one, a good woman or a bad one? Most people, like the young man in the song, are "not very good, nor yet very bad." We move about the pastures of life in huge berds, and all do the same things at the same times and for the same reasons. "Forty feeding like one." Are we mean? Well, we have done some mean things in our time. Are we generous? Occasionally re are. Were we good sous or dutiful daughters? We have both honored and ored our parents, who in their turn had done the same by theirs. Do we melt at the sight of misery? Indeed we do. Do we forget all about it when we have turned the corner? Frequently that is so. Do we expect to be put to epen shame at the great day of judg-ment? We should be terribly frighten-the did we not eller to the home. ed of this did we not cling to the hope that amid the shocking revelations then for the first time made public our little fairs may fail to attract much notice.

Judged by the standards of humanity, few people are either good or bad. I have not been a great sinner," said the dying Nelson; nor had he—he had only been made a great fool of by a m. Mankind is all tarred with the same brush, though some who chance to be operated upon when the brush is fresh from the barrel get more than e of the tar. The biography of a celebrated man usually reminds me of the outside of a coast guardsman's cottage-all tar and whitewash, -Essays of Augustine Birrell.

Budapest.

"Americans know absolutely nothing of one of the greatest cities of all Enrope," said a returned traveler. "I refer to Budapest. Do you believe it has over three-quarters of a million inhab-Stants and is foremost in many of the arts and sciences? Take my word for it. Why, it has a university with nearly 5,000 students and 230 professors. The trolley was developed in Budapost. Most of the population is Magyar. Buda has the finest Jewish synagogue in the empire. The Danube, dividing Buda from Pest, is a beautiful stream, spanned by magnificent in all Europe are in this wonderful ing at once. city."-New York Press.

The Crab as a Fisherman.

The crab sometimes catches a fish, and it catches it without book and line. It lies in walt, perhaps in some creek, with its jaws extended in front and open. Perhaps a school of killles comes along, and it may be that a killie on the outskirts of the school may swim unsuspectingly along through the clear water between the upper and lower parts of one of the motioniess open claws of the crab. When it is well within them the claw suddenly snaps together and that particular little killle goes no farther.

Literary Genius.

"Why is genius so often misunderstood?" asked the literary person.

"Probably," answered the man who doesn't care for poetry, "it's because genius so frequently falls to talk plainly."-- Exchange.

Woman's Right.

Mamie-I believe in woman's rights. Certie-Then you think every woman should have a vote? Mamie-No, but I think every woman should have a Tater -Chicago Record-Herald.

Gentle Egetiem.

"It is said that Snagespeare never realized what a great poet he was." "How could he?" rejoined Mr. Stormington Barnes. "He never heard myself and company recite his lines."-Washington Star.

Values "After all, a kiss is worth only what the contracting parties think it's worth."

"Well, a girl's kiss is always worth its face value."-- Philadelphia Press.

She-Here's a joke about a woman trying to sharpen a lead pencil. I can't

see any point to it!

He-Nobody can. That's what the Joke says .- Yonkers Statesman.

Very Hard. "Of course a horseshoe always means

"Ob, yes, and if the horse passes I up to you behind your back it means hard luck."—Detroit Free Press.

His Scheme.

Duna-I can put you on to a schem rhereby you can save money. Gunn-What is it? Dunn-Let me marry your daughter.

-Tarrytown (N. Y.) News.

A Chance to Duplay Them. Nell-Miss Schalp tells me she is a ing to learn to play the harp. Belle What nonsense: She hasn' any talent for music.

Nell-Oh she knows that; but she has lovely arms. - Philadelphia Ledger.

Trenemy.

"The under crust of this apple pie is too tough to ent." "That's the intention. It can be used again, you know." - Cleveland Plain

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